

speeches on environmental issues and digital communication. In 2009, Ann was named one of the Bay Area's most influential women by the San Francisco Business Times. This year she was chosen to participate in the prestigious Tedwoman conference.

Ann was born in Davenport, Iowa on August 15, 1960. She went to Freeport High School in Freeport, Illinois and received her B.A. in Journalism from the University of Illinois.

She lives in San Ramon, California with her husband Bob, two children Chris and Vivian and her two spoiled beagles Kipper and Osgood. In her spare time she enjoys reading, cooking, playing golf, talking politics and walking with Kipper and Osgood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring Ann Barlow for her extraordinary contributions to improve the lives and careers of thousands of women in California and all over the world.

#### COMMENDING RANDY BURGESS FOR 33 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2011*

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Randy Burgess who recently retired from the Pisgah National Forest with 33 years of outstanding service to the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Burgess began his work in forests during summers while in college at Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forests in California. After he graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in wildlife and forest management, he worked as a ranger at several national forests such as those in Sumter, South Carolina, and Rio Grande, Colorado. He began work at the Pisgah National Forest in 2003.

During his 8 year tenure as head of the Pisgah District Operations, Mr. Burgess was instrumental in the upkeep and renovations in and around the forest. Mr. Burgess helped improve water quality through stream stabilization projects, supported various volunteer corporations, implemented upgrades at the Cradle of Forestry, provided public restrooms in the forest, and built a connector trail from the city of Brevard to the Pisgah National Forest. The 5.5-mile-long Estatoe Trail opened to the public on October 15, 2010, and has been a tremendous benefit to the citizens of that area. Mr. Burgess also served as a Forest Service Liaison to my office, lending his expertise in conservation to positively impact national policy. Mr. Burgess' leadership over the last few years has left a great mark on the Pisgah National Forest and provided positive influence on Congressional policy.

Mr. Burgess has shown extraordinary dedication to our community and has had an indelible impact on the Pisgah National Forest. The service that Mr. Burgess has contributed to Western North Carolina and the U.S. Forest Service is truly inspiring and I am proud to represent him. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exceptional career and service of Mr. Randy Burgess.

#### HONORING LEO J. HULSEMAN

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, seventy-five (75) years ago Leo J. Hulseman established the Paper Container Manufacturing Company in Chicago, Illinois, and by the 1940s began manufacturing a paper cone cup known as the "Solo Cup" which provides unparalleled hygiene and convenience to consumers; and

Whereas, the "Solo Cup" was such an inspiration that the company itself was renamed Solo in the 1940s and become a brand that would become ubiquitous across America and the world; and

Whereas, Solo Cup has grown to be a \$1.6 billion company and has demonstrated its concern for the environment by introducing many product lines relying on compostable and renewable sources; and

Whereas, Solo Cup is a recognized industry leader in the areas of sustainability and beautification receiving the 2010 Keep America Beautiful Corporate Leadership Award; and

Whereas, The Solo plant in Conyers, Georgia is a place where 400 of our citizens are employed and is an enthusiastic participant in Georgia's Work Ready Program; and

Whereas, The Solo Company has proven to be a great corporate citizen supporting community outreach and educational initiatives by working closely with public officials, the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council and the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solo Company, its management and employees for leadership and service to our district;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR., do hereby proclaim September 13, 2011, as Solo Cup Company Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 13th day of September, 2011.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. WILLIAM SANDERS, EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER AND BUSINESSMAN

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of educator and community leader, William Sanders. Mr. Sanders was born March 27, 1928, in Monticello, Mississippi.

Upon graduation from McCullough High School in Lawrence County, Mr. Sanders continued his education at Alcorn College, where he played basketball. While attending Alcorn, Mr. Sanders was called to fulfill his military duties and later completed his degree in Agriculture Research. Mr. Sanders served in the Army in the 31st Artillery Brigade and was stationed in Alaska during his tour. Additionally, he was assigned to the Special Services. He

was honorably discharged from the Army at the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Sanders's first professional job was as an educator in the Jefferson County School District, where he also served as principal, assistant principal and football and basketball coach. He would go on to teach in the Hattiesburg and Brookhaven School District, and concluded his career in education with the Hinds County School District. Mr. Sanders worked towards a master's degree during the summers in Boston and Indiana Universities. Mr. Sanders was the Chief Financial Officer for the first Head Start Program in the state of Mississippi, the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM).

Mr. Sanders did not limit his education to the classroom; he remained active in his community, socially and politically, as well as entrepreneurially. Upon leaving CDGM, Mr. Sanders successfully, owned and operated the Delta Drive Texaco service station in Jackson, Mississippi, where his greatest satisfaction was employing others in his community. He was an industry pioneer and received several awards in recognition of his shrewd business sense.

Mr. Sanders married Emma Dunbar Sanders and had six children. He and his family were actively involved in the Civil Rights movement and made enormous sacrifices in an effort to amplify the voice of oppressed blacks in the segregated south. His actions helped shape future civil rights policy in the segregated south and advance the rights and freedoms of African Americans.

Mr. Sanders, a loyal Democrat, was actively involved in local, state and national politics. He attended the Democratic National Conventions in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and most recently the 2008 Democratic Convention in Denver where Senator Barack Obama received the Democratic Party's nomination. He took great pride in the election of the first African American president and viewed this as a logical result of the Civil Rights Movement.

Again, I ask that my colleagues please join me in saluting the life and legacy of educator, community leader and businessman Mr. William Sanders.

#### HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY SHARES OF WISCONSIN

#### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 14, 2011*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of Community Shares of Wisconsin and to recognize the commitment of its participants to serving their communities.

In 1971, amidst a deep societal divide over civil rights issues and the Vietnam War, a number of area volunteers created the Madison Sustaining Fund, America's first social action fund. Today, the fund now known as Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW) partners with donors and non-profit member groups to address social, economic, and environmental challenges through grassroots activities, advocacy, research, and public education.